



Tony Clement Center for Education

June 2021



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We're moving back!

In the 2021-2022 school year, Tony Clement Center for Education will be moving back to our building, located at 395 Elk Street.

TCCE will consist of grades 9-12 for the 2021-2022 school year. Eligible students will be able to take career and technical education courses through Albany High School. We will continue to have our wraparound services to support our students' social and emotional well being as well as their academic needs.

Similar to years past, our Choice program will be housed on the second floor and our high school program will be housed on third floor.

Throughout the summer, we will provide additional information for the upcoming school year.

Message from Principal Bernsley

It has been amazing to observe different classes throughout the year. The growth I have seen with our students and staff within the virtual instruction model has been breathtaking. I would like to thank all of our families as you have been amazing partners in our most unusual journey in the 2020-2021 school year. Our students have shown one of the most important qualities for success in life: perseverance. During the pandemic, our students faced challenges that we never had to confront when we were their age. I strongly believe they are going to come out stronger from their experiences.

Interestingly, much of the feedback we received from our students was how much they missed being in school. We pride ourselves on creating a nurturing environment that encourages student and staff relationship building. The Tony Clement Center for Education staff loves our students and community. It was never more evident than it was this year. So many of our staff members volunteered their own time and money to visit students to ensure they had everything they needed. Sometimes, all they needed was to see a familiar face to let them know how much we love them and miss them.

Clement caring

Every day is Earth Day, and students and staff from Tony Clement Center for Education at O'Neal Middle School took time on April 28 to improve the environment outside their school building. They picked up litter, and

weeded, planted and watered flowers. The place looks great, thanks to their efforts and assistance from community partners Albany 518 SNUG and Mediation Matters, who were on hand to help.





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Graduation is June 27

We are excited to provide you with details about the upcoming Albany High School graduation!

For health and safety reasons, graduation 2021 will consist of:

- **A series of outdoor, in-person graduation events** where students will receive their diplomas on Sunday, June 27, on the Albany High football field. There will be seven events, each limited to 200 people. **Students from Tony Clement Center for Education will take part in the ceremony beginning at 11 a.m.**
- **A prerecorded ceremony featuring speeches** by our valedictorian, salutatorian, class president and others. The speeches will be released for viewing at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 26 on albanyschools.org and our district and Albany High Facebook pages ([@albanyschools](https://www.facebook.com/albanyschools) | [@AlbanyHighFalcons](https://www.facebook.com/AlbanyHighFalcons)).

Seniors must wear their caps and gowns to the outdoor ceremony. No stilettos or high heels will be

permitted on the field. Students wearing any foot attire that can puncture the field will be provided flip flops. Seniors and guests will be required to wear facemasks. Seniors will be provided a Class of 2021 facemask.

Each senior will be allowed to bring two guests. We remind seniors and guests to observe proper social distancing by wearing face masks and staying six feet apart from other family groups. We will provide a face mask to any person not wearing one.

Seniors will line up in alphabetical order by academy on the football field. Guests will be escorted to the stadium seating. Graduates will proceed to the stage, where students will receive their diplomas.

"I look forward to seeing you at graduation and celebrating with you," Principal David Bernsley said. "I am proud of each and every member of the Class of 2021 and the resilience you have shown during these challenging times."

If you moved ...

Please remember to update your address and/or telephone number when necessary. It is vital that we have a way to contact you. You can now submit your change of address form by email or mail rather than through a visit to the office. Please visit albanyschools.org/registration/address or call the City School District of Albany Central Registration Office for assistance at (518) 475-6125.

Save the date(s)!

- June 17 English Language Arts (ELA) Regents
- June 21 Last day of classes
- June 22 Living Environment Regents
- June 23 Algebra I Regents
- June 27 Albany High School graduation

Chromebook return

The school district will assign specific Chromebook models by grade for the 2021-22 school year. If your student has the appropriate model, they will not be required to return their Chromebook.

However, we have several students that we will need to retrieve their current Chromebook in order to replace it with a more appropriate model that aligns with their grade. We will be communicating with the families to outline the retrieval plan.

